

**Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
City of Caliente Water Supply Well #3
Federal Emergency Management Agency**

The City of Caliente has applied for funds through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX Public Assistance Program to replace Municipal Well #3. During the flood event of January 2005, which was declared a major disaster (FEMA-1583-DR-NV), the City of Caliente's Municipal Well #3 was damaged beyond repair. FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City of Caliente to restore the function served by Municipal Well #3.

The City of Caliente proposes to cap and abandon Municipal Well #3. The City of Caliente intends to drill a replacement well on a vacant, dirt parcel consisting of 8.45 acres on the Clover Street Extension, northeast of Denton Avenue and southeast of the Union Pacific Railroad track. The new well would be drilled to a depth of 300 feet and designed to pump 600 gallons per minute. The finished site would consist of a well house with a floorplan of approximately 22 feet by 16 feet and an approximate height of 9 feet. The well house would be constructed of concrete blocks with a metal roof. A gated, perimeter fence would be installed over an area of approximately 100 feet by 75 feet. An 8-inch-diameter water line would be installed via trenching along the northwest side of Clover Street to connect the new well to the existing water system.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for this project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council on Environmental Quality and FEMA's implementing regulations. The DEA, which evaluates the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative, is available for public review and comment. The DEA is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>. A copy of the DEA may also be viewed at the City of Caliente City Hall, 100 Depot Avenue, Caliente, Nevada. Point of contact to review the DEA at City Hall is April Nelson, who can be reached at (775) 726-3131.

To request a copy of the DEA or to provide comments regarding the DEA, please direct correspondence to Environmental Officer, FEMA Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607 or fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov. For more information, please leave a message for the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at (510) 627-7027.

Comments on the DEA must be received by October 17, 2008. Until that date, FEMA will take no further action regarding the proposed project.